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Investigation of Optimal Numerical Methods for High Reynolds Number Unsteady Simulations

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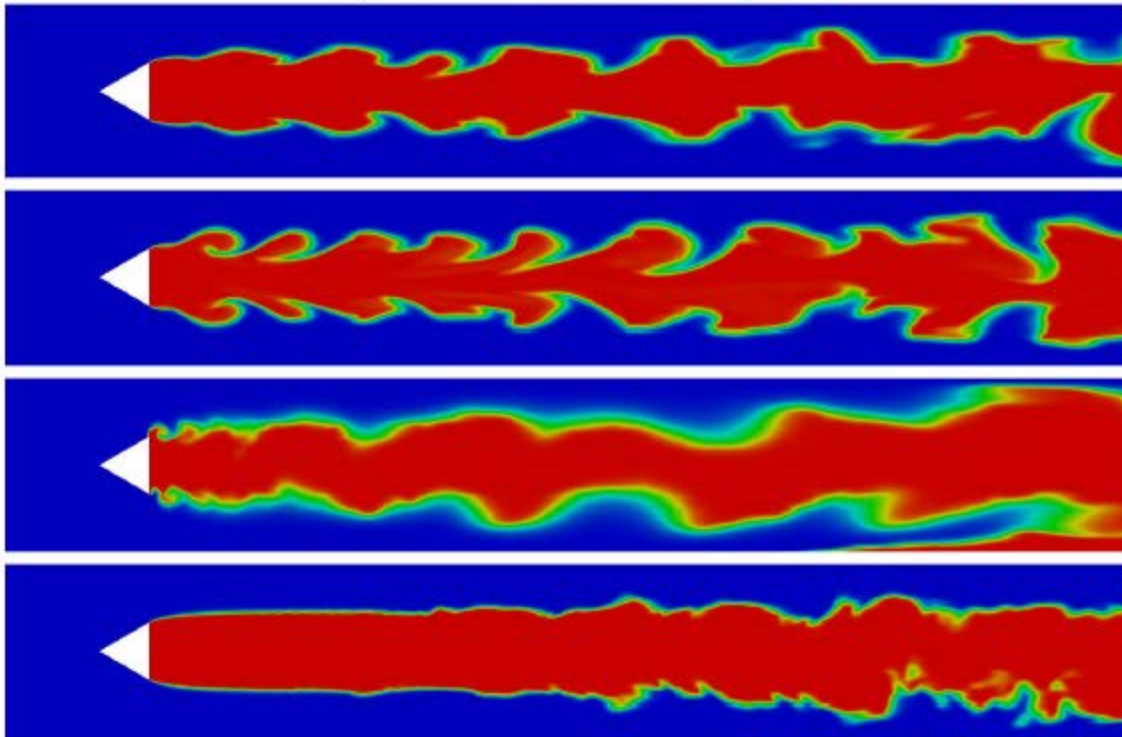
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Motivation: Large-Eddy Simulation (LES) Challenges

Instantaneous Temperature



Algorithm Comparisons

- identical subgrid modeling
- differences reside in numerics

CHARLES
(Stanford)

LESLIE3D
(Georgia Tech)

OpenFOAM
(OpenCFD)

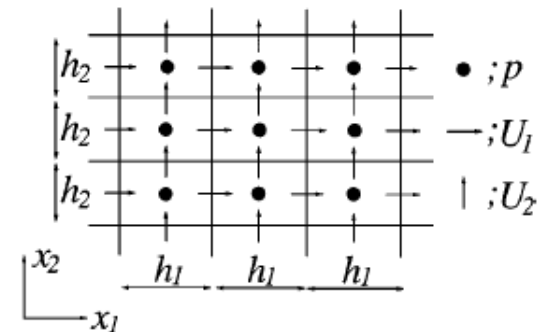
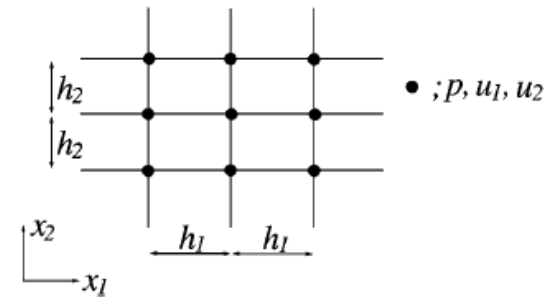
Fluent
(Ansys)

Ref: 2013 - Cocks, Sankaran, Soteriou, "Is LES of reacting flow predictive? Part 1: Impact of Numerics"

Need to determine BEST discretization scheme for Reacting LES

Approach

- Investigate **dissipation and dispersion** characteristics of schemes
 - tied to solution accuracy
 - use Von Neumann Stability Analysis
- Schemes to investigate:
 - Standard Collocated Grid
 - Standard Staggered Grid
 - Kinetic Energy Preserving
 - Collocated & Staggered



Von Neumann Analysis

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{1D Euler Eqns} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + A \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0 \quad \text{with } A = \partial E / \partial Q$$

Eigenvalues of the amplification matrix specify **growth factor** and **phase errors**.

$$Q^{n+1} = GQ^n$$

Staggered Grid Scheme/ Quasi-Linear Form

$$\Gamma_{ce} \left(\frac{\partial Q_{pT}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q_u}{\partial t} \right)_i + \Gamma_m \left(\frac{\partial Q_{pT}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial Q_u}{\partial t} \right)_{i+1/2} + A_{ce} \left(\frac{\partial Q_{pT}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q_u}{\partial x} \right)_i + A_m \left(\frac{\partial Q_{pT}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial Q_u}{\partial x} \right)_{i+1/2} = 0$$

$$Q_{pT} = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ 0 \\ T \end{pmatrix}$$

Continuity/Energy

Momentum

$$Q_u = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ u \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Growth Factor

$$||g_i||$$

Phase Error

$$\frac{\phi}{\phi_{exact}} = \frac{-\tan^{-1}\{Imag(g_i)/Re(g_i)\}}{CFL \times \beta}$$

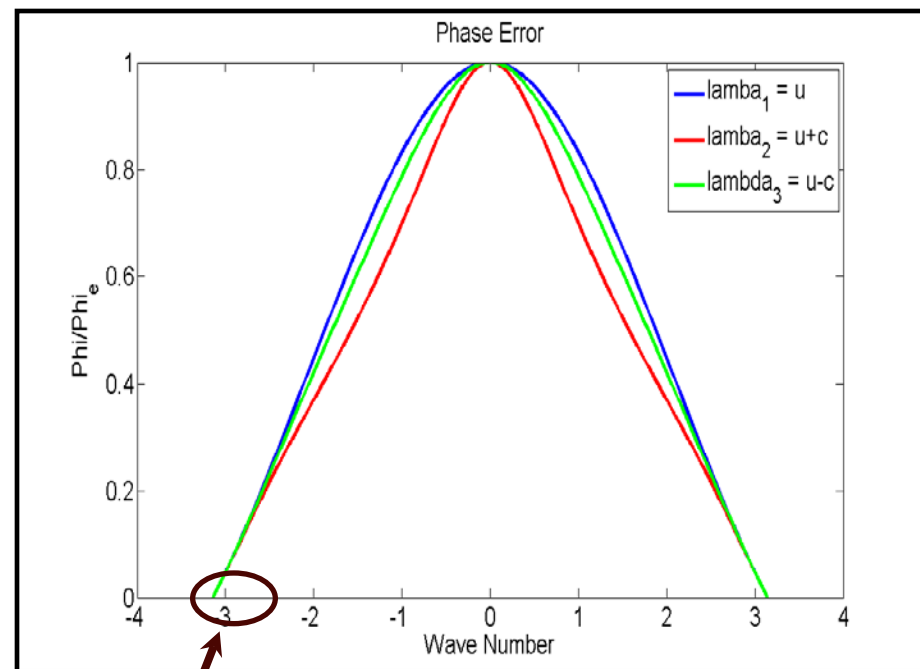
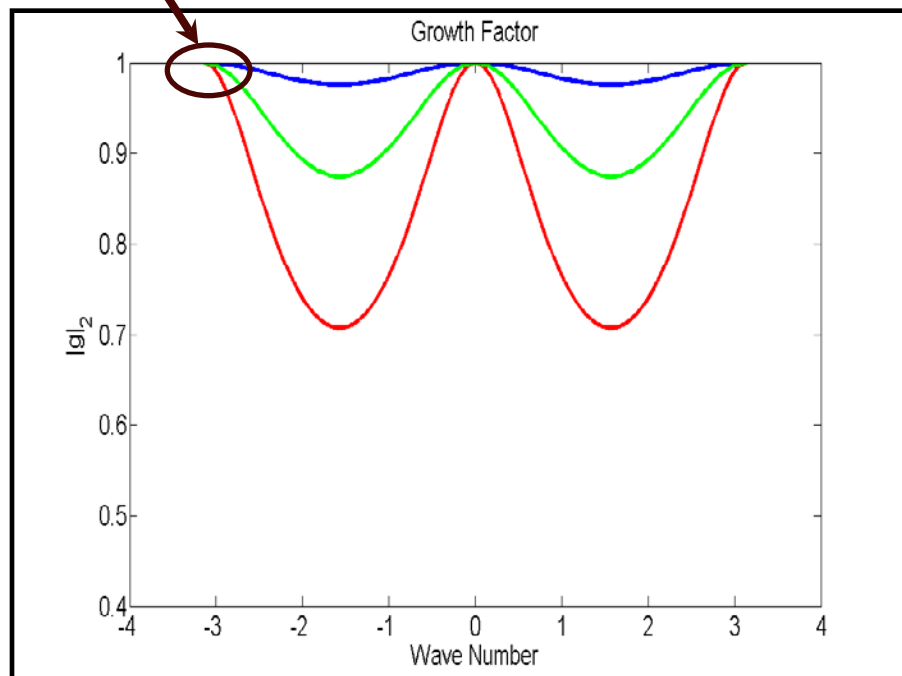
Stability Analysis

Euler Implicit Scheme (Collocated Grid)

$$CFL = 1 = \frac{\lambda_2 \Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

$$Mach = 0.28$$

No damping of
highest modes



No convection of
highest modes

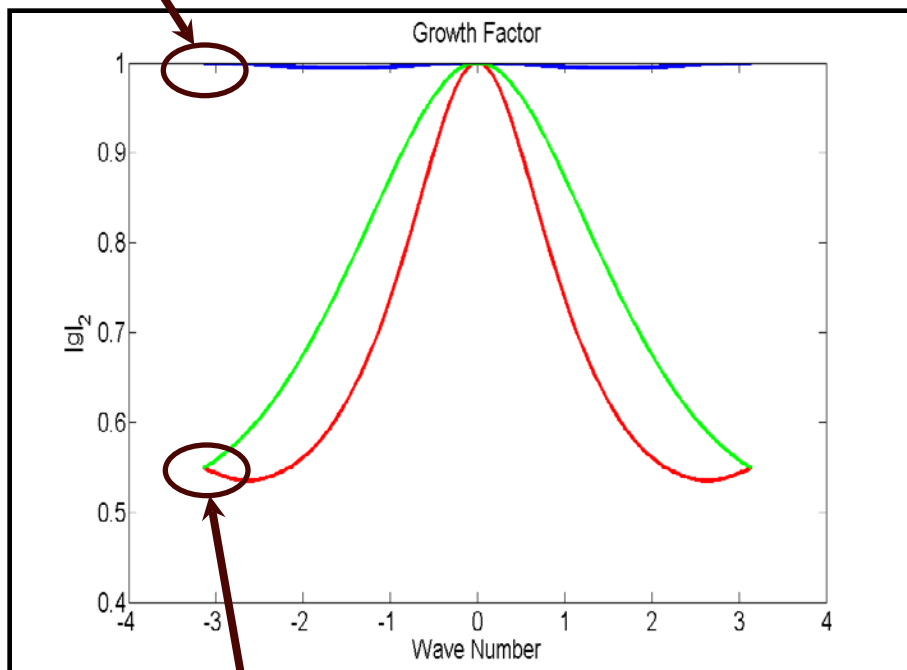
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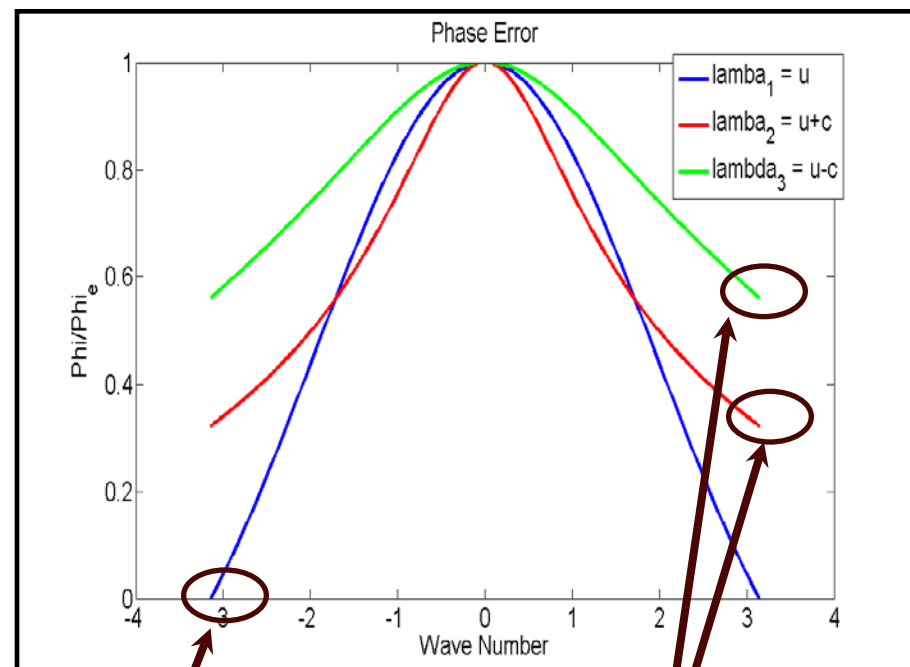
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No damping of
PARTICLE WAVE's
highest modes



Highest ACOUSTIC
modes damped

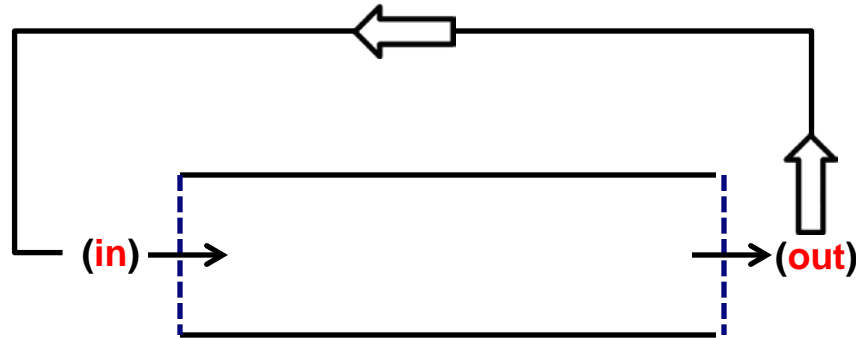


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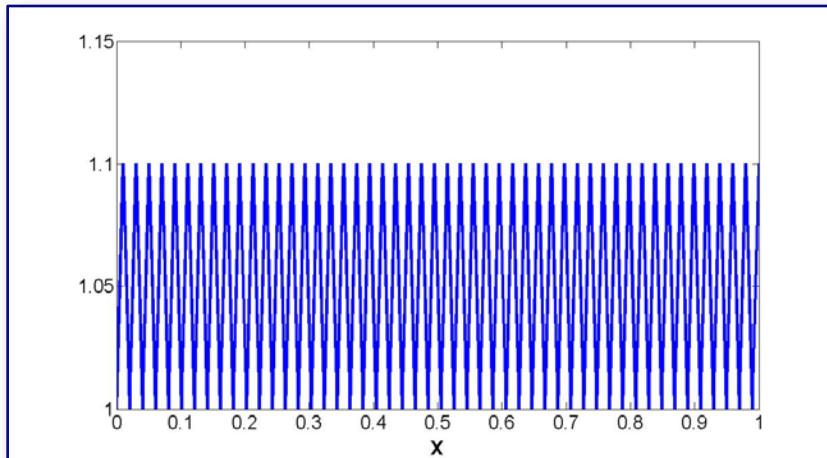
Slow convection of
highest ACOUSTIC
modes

Test Cases

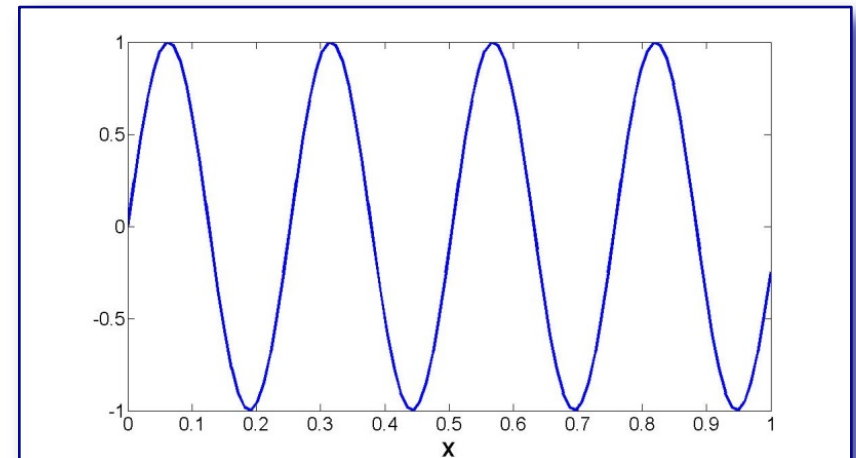
1D Duct – Periodic BC's



Saw-tooth i.c.



Sinusoidal i.c.



Particle Wave High Frequency Behavior

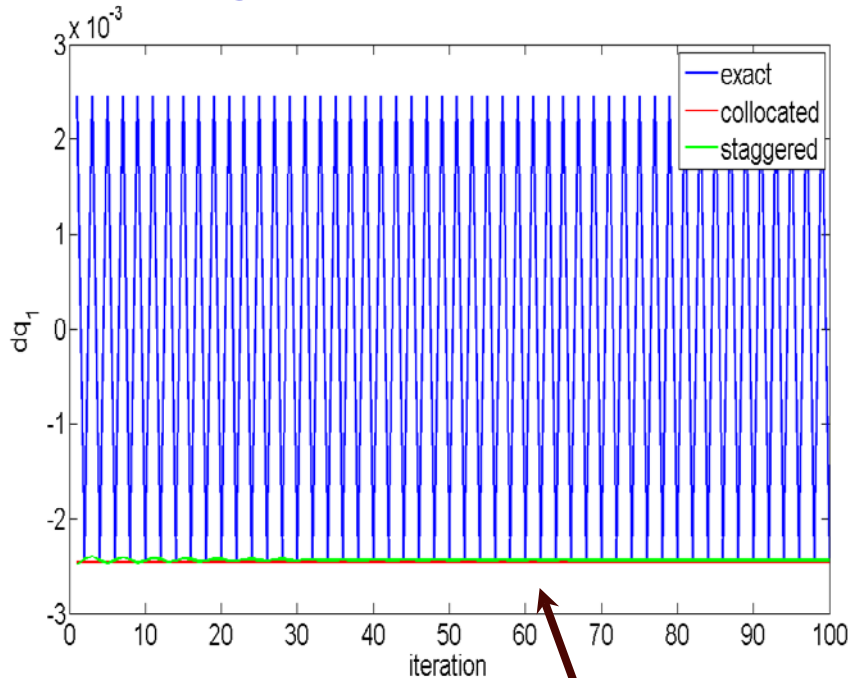
Runge Kutta Scheme

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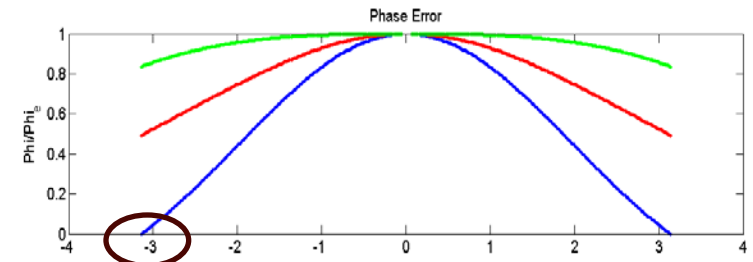
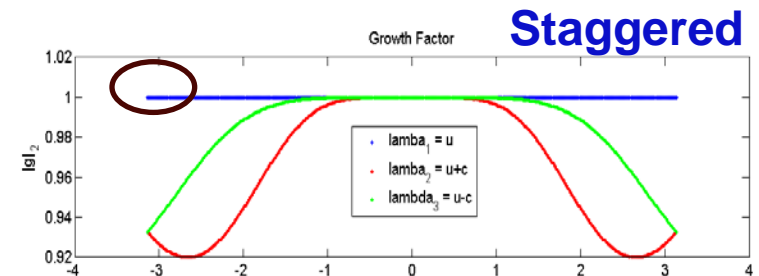
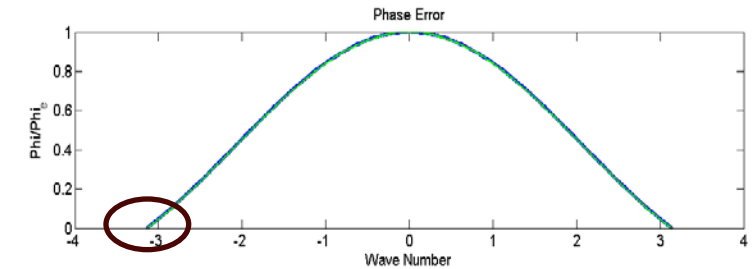
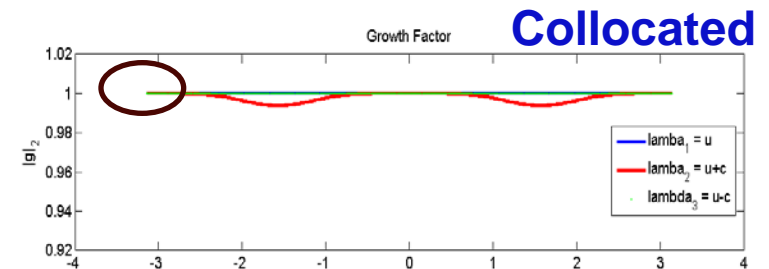
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Solution @ i:



Collocated AND Staggered:
- stationary & un-damped



Acoustic Wave High Frequency Behavior

Runge Kutta Scheme

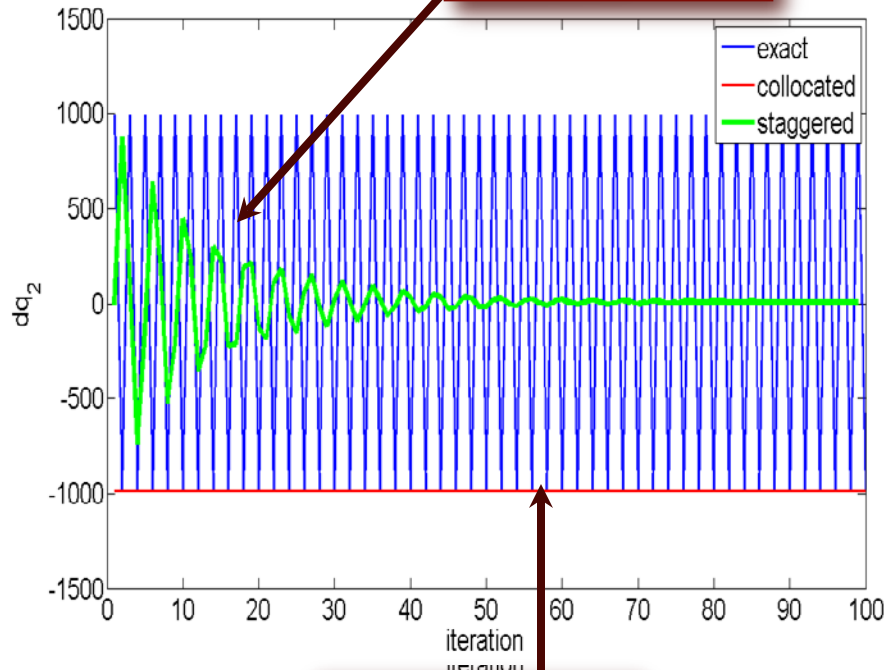
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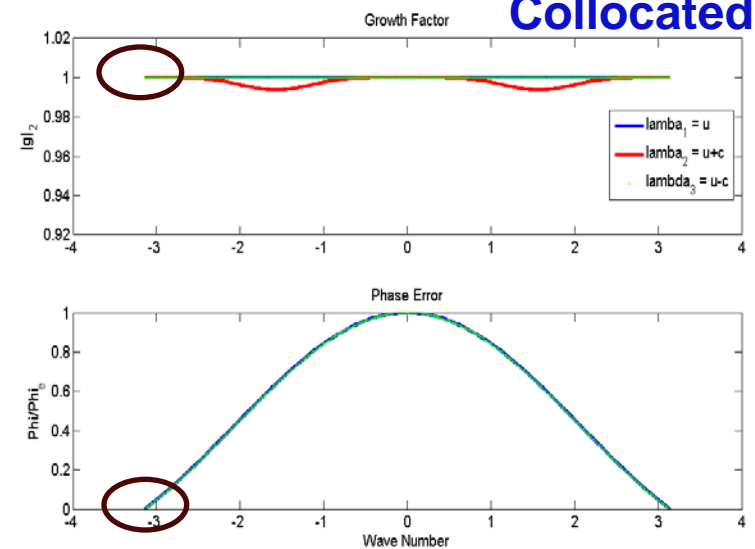
Solution @ i:

Staggered:
- DAMPED with mild
phase error

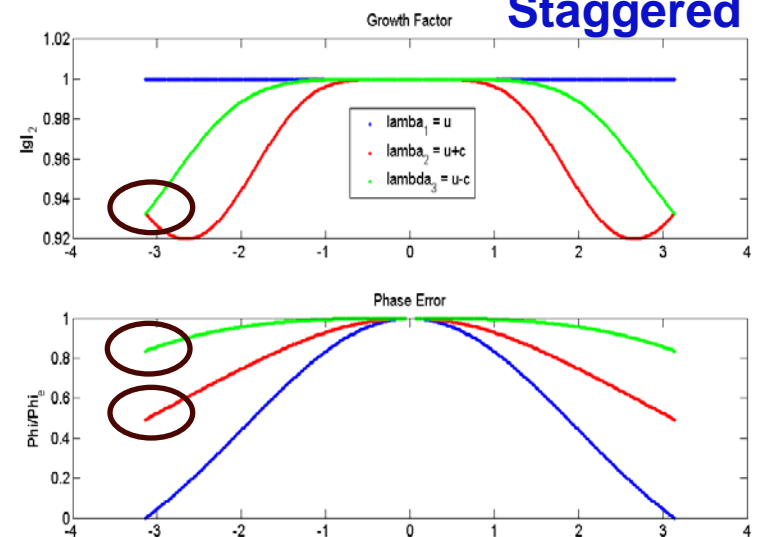


Collocated:
- stationary & un-
damped

Collocated



Staggered



Effect of Boundary Conditions

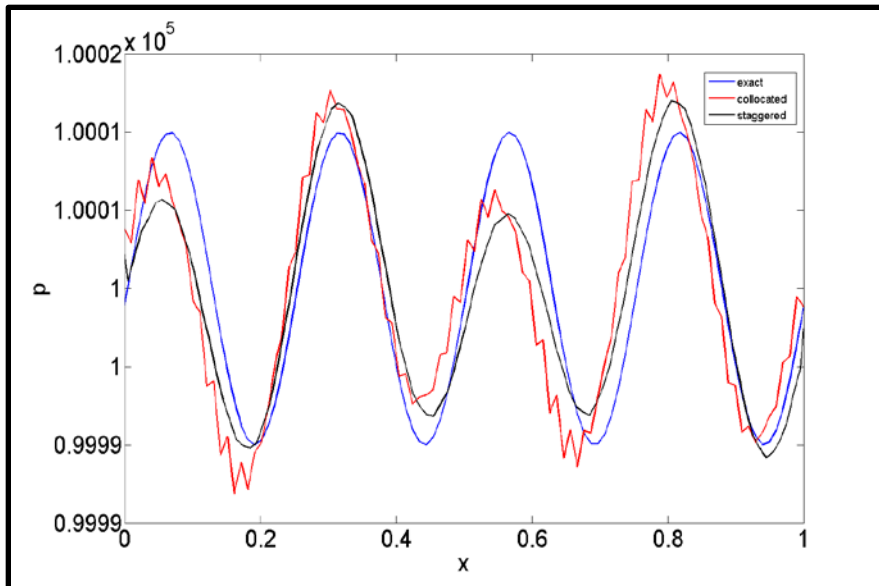
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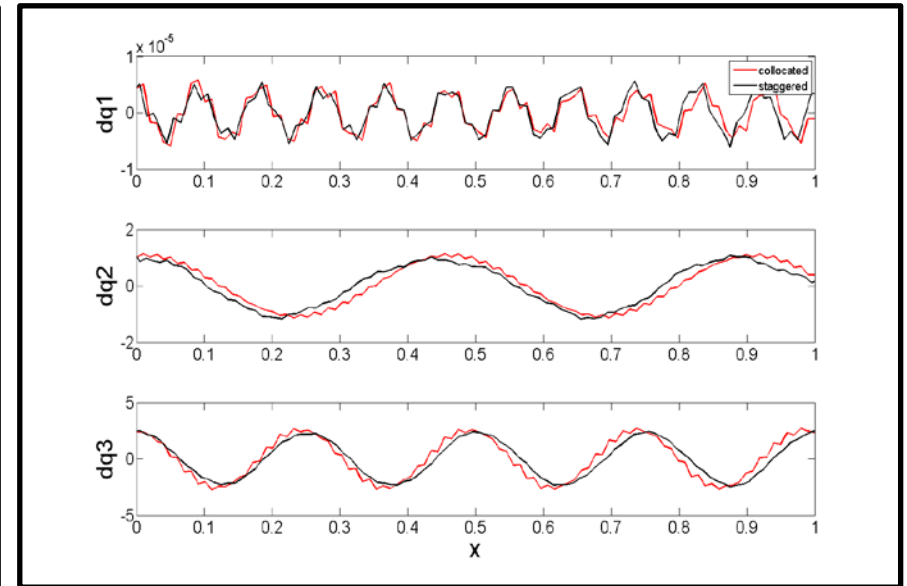
$$distrub = 0.01\%$$

$$\Omega + [\Delta \hat{q}_{bc} - \Delta \hat{q}_{int}] = 0$$

$$\Omega_{inlet} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u - \dot{m}_{in} \\ T - T_{in} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \Omega_{outlet} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ p - p_{out} \end{bmatrix}$$



Pressure at $10T_3$



characteristic variables at $10T_3$

- high frequency in Collocated pressure solution
- lack of acoustic damping

Kinetic Energy Preservation (KEP)

- “in computations of turbulent flow fields, dissipative errors show up at the level of kinetic energy” (Mahesh 2004)
- Robust at inviscid limit ($Re \rightarrow \infty$)

Incompressible Flow:

$$u_i \left\{ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_i u_j}{\partial x_j} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(-\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \right) \right\} \xrightarrow{\frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_j} = 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} u_i^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{1}{2} u_i^2 u_j \right) = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(-\frac{\partial u_i P}{\partial x_i} + u_i \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

- $K = \frac{1}{2} u_i^2$ bounded and constant at inviscid limit
- KEP schemes satisfy secondary equation discretely
- Richtmeyer & Morton (1967)
- Arakawa (1966)

Compressible Flow:

$$\frac{-u_i^2}{2} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho u_j \right\} + u_i \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho u_i + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \rho u_i u_j + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} P - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \tau_{ij} \right\} = 0$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{1}{2} \rho u_i^2 \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\rho u_j \frac{u_i^2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{\rho} \left(-u_i \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + u_i \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

- Discrete analogue seeks:
 - Accurate transport of KE \rightarrow accurate physical transfer of energy: $E = KE + U_{\text{int}}$

KEP: Applied to 1D Euler

(Collocated Grid)

- compare Crank-Nicolson (CN) with Fully KEP scheme (F-KEP)

$$\frac{(\rho\phi_k)_i^{n+1} - (\rho\phi_k)_i^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{V_i} \sum_f (\phi)_f^m (\rho u_j)_{f_i}^{n+1/2} \cdot S_i + \frac{1}{V_i} \sum_f \left(\frac{\partial p v_{k,j}}{\partial x_j} \right)_f^{n+1/2} \cdot S_i = 0$$

Subbareddy/Candler(2009)

Merkle (2013)

$$\phi^m = \frac{1}{2}(\phi^{n+1} + \phi^n)$$

(CN)

$$\phi^m = \frac{(\sqrt{\rho}\phi)^{n+1} + (\sqrt{\rho}\phi)^n}{(\sqrt{\rho})^{n+1} + (\sqrt{\rho})^n}$$

(F-KEP)

$$\phi = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ u \\ e \\ Y_k \end{bmatrix}$$

- discrete secondary equation satisfied to machine zero if KEP

$$\frac{(\rho\phi_k^2)_i^{n+1} - (\rho\phi_k^2)_i^n}{2\Delta t} + \frac{1}{V_i} \sum_f (\rho u_j^{n+1/2})_f \left(\frac{\phi_k^2}{2} \right)_f^m \cdot S_{f,i} + \phi_{k,i}^m \frac{1}{V_i} \sum_f (p v_{k,j})^{n+1/2} \cdot S_{f,i} = RESIDUAL$$

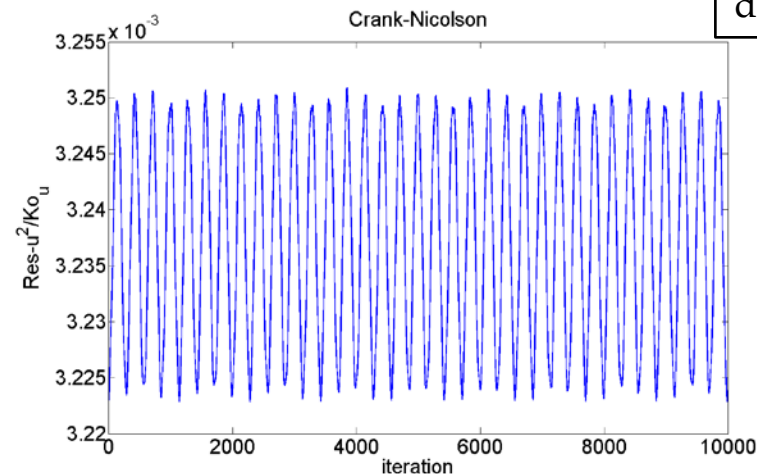
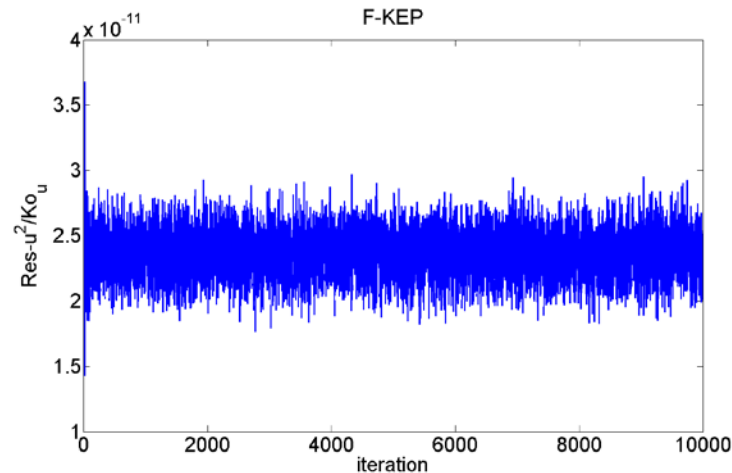
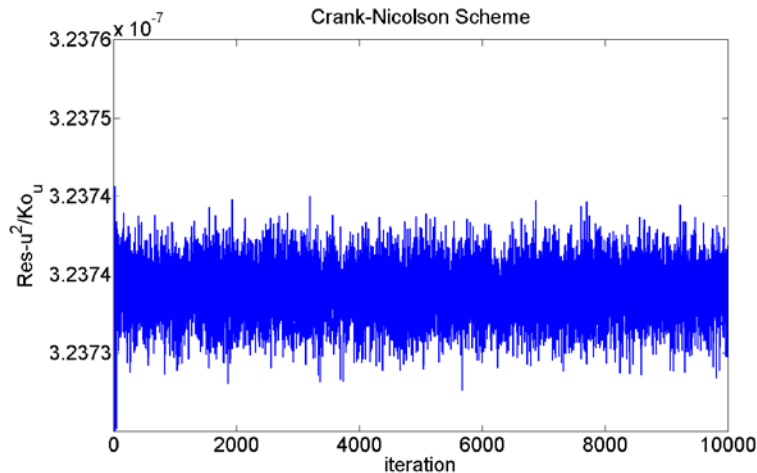
$$\text{with } \left(\frac{\phi_k^2}{2} \right)_f^m = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\phi_k}{2} \right)_i^m \left(\frac{\phi_k}{2} \right)_{nbr}^m$$

Evaluating KEP: u^2

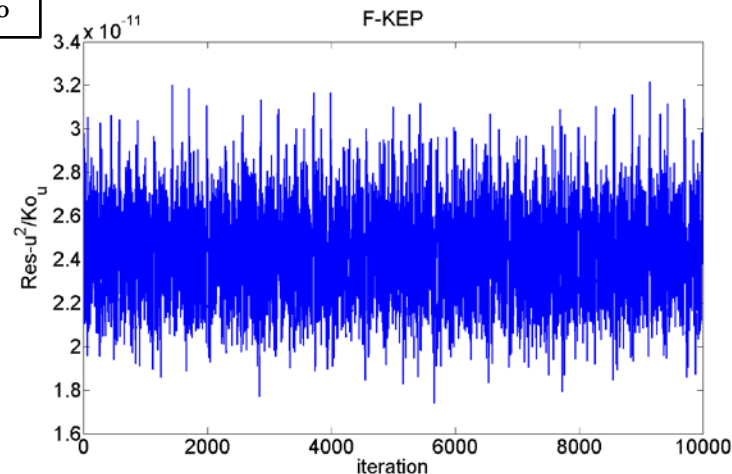
Mach = 0.859

disturb = 0.01%

- F-KEP always secondary conservative
- CN KEP for low compressibility effects



disturb = 1%



Going Forward

- **Key Questions:**
 - What is the advantage of kinetic energy preservation for LES?
 - Does it help minimize or eliminate the need for artificial dissipation?
 - What about the relative importance of dispersion errors?
- **Implement Merkle's generalized KEP schemes**
 - Formulated for both staggered and collocated schemes
 - Major advantage is that it is KE preserving for the scalar transport as well
 - Can we minimize or eliminate the need for artificial dissipation for scalars?
- **Extend schemes to multi-dimensional code**
 - Apply to non-reacting and reacting LES computations

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